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## EDITOR'S CORNER

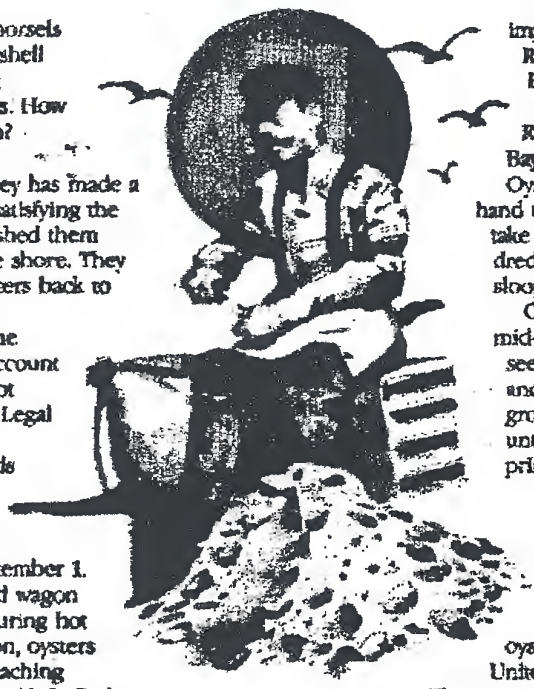
**HELP!!!** I am sorely in need of articles, photos, etc., for Jerseyana. At present, I do not have a single item on hand and had to improvise in order to fill the pages of this issue. I would appreciate your cooperation in this request. I can not do it all by myself.

If there is a red check on your address label, you are delinquent in dues payment for 2004. Please remit your dues promptly, Thank you.

Al Zaika

The following article is from the Sept., 1981 issue of the New Jersey Bell, Tel-News bulletin. The illustration depicts an oyster shucker at work.

# OYSTERS



The sight of plump morsels reclining on the half shell prompts lip-smacking responses from oyster lovers. How long has this been going on? Centuries.

Over the years, New Jersey has made a major contribution toward satisfying the yen for oysters. Indians relished them during their summers at the shore. They took dried and smoked oysters back to their winter homes.

Early colonists savored the succulent bivalves. A 1680 account mentions oysters up to a foot across, exaggeration or not. Legal protection for New Jersey's money-producing oyster beds dates back at least to 1719. As a conservation measure then, oyster gathering was banned from May 10 to September 1.

The summer ban stopped wagon shipments to city markets during hot weather. Without refrigeration, oysters were sure to spoil before reaching Trenton, Philadelphia or New York. Perhaps the ban initiated the false notion that "R" months are the only time when oysters are fit to eat.

How were oysters kept in the old days? In summer, they weren't. But an 1830s record of food preparations for winter notes that a barrel of oysters was put in a storage cellar. They were kept healthy and fat by sprinkling them with brine and cornmeal.

By the late 1800s, oystering had become an important industry in towns near Raritan Bay, the Shrewsbury River, Barnegat Bay, Great Bay at the Mullica River and the Maurice River Cove section on Delaware Bay.

Oysters were gathered two ways. By hand tonging–using a basket-like tool to take oysters from the bay bottom. By dredging the oyster beds from sailing sloops.

Oyster "planting" began in the mid-1800s. This involved taking young seed oysters from their natural beds and transplanting them to specific growing beds. There they stayed until harvesting time. The basic principle remains the same today.

The oyster industry is centered at Maurice River Cove and the appropriately named Bivalve, Shellpile and Mauricetown. From here, shucked and in-the-shell oysters are shipped to points in the United States, Canada and Europe.

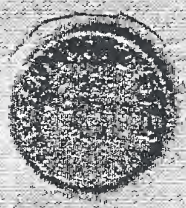
The oyster industry in New Jersey isn't what it was years ago. That's due to evolving problems with disease, parasites and water quality. But these problems are being coped with through better management of the oyster beds. The encouraging word is that the industry is on the upswing.

At any rate, the crop last year added up to more than 400,000 bushels of oysters. Worth $5 million to the harvesters.

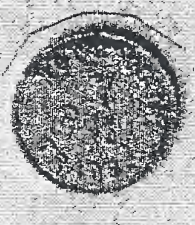
# OYSTER SHUCKING TALLIES

The wages of oyster shuckers was based on the quanity of oysters that were shucked, i.e, one quart, hlf gallon, gallon, etc.The tally was recorded in writing, or a ticket or token was issued, showing the amount of oysters that were shucked. These tickets and tokens could then be redeemed for cash at a specific time and place.

With the many oyster packing houses that were in operation in New Jersey during the last century, one would assume that the tickets and tokens would be easy to find. Unfortuniely, thats not the case. After many years of hunting for New Jersey tokens/sI have found just one oyster shucking token, thats illustrated below.



Obverse - The Sanitary Oyster Co./Port/Norris/N.J.



Reverse - Not Good/1/Gal./ In Trade. Aluminum,23 mm.

The Bivalve Oyster Co. token was once attributed to Bivalve, NJ, but it has proved to be from Bivalve, Md, instead.

If you have knowledge of any other New Jersey oyster shuckers tokens, please notify the editor, thank you.

The seller of this scrip claimed it to be from Maplewood, NJ, but I haven't been able to confirm this. Any former members of the Uraisem Club out there ?

NEW JERSEY EXONUMIA SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP REPORT
JANUARY, 2004

There are currently only TEN (10) paid up regular members, with 28 members not current. Please get those payments in, to save extra mailing costs. (Your label should read 04). We also have 37 life members on the NJES rolls as of the end of December, 2003. Sadly, we lost longtime member Dr. Stanley Bresticker.

Please renew NOW for 2004 if you haven't yet. Send your $ 8.00 per year dues, payable to NJES, to:

Al Zalka, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099.

Sincerely,

Steve Middleton

NEW JERSEY EXONUMIA SOCIETY - MAIL/EMAIL AUCTION
JANUARY, 2004

One of the suggestions brought up at last Spring's open membership meeting was to resurrect the donation Mail Bid Sales that used to appear in The Jerseyana. There was one bid. Lot Number 1, the Fun Nite Chips, sold for $ 6.53. So as not to draw this out too far into the future, the remining lots (#2-10) will be sold to the highest bidder as one lot. To be sure that the combined lot will sell, I will personally open the bidding at $ 5.00. Check the September, 2003 Jerseyana for details on the lots.

The Auction will begin in this issue, with a closing date thirty days after the postmark, and email bids will also be accepted. Proceeds will go into the treasury.

Thanks.

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# GSNA Convention
# May 13-15, 2004

Somerset, NJ  29th Anniversary Show!

**SHOW HOURS**

Thur. 1 PM - 7 PM
Fri. 10 AM - 7 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM

**DIRECTIONS**

Route 287 to Exit 10
Take Route 527 North.
Turn left on Davidson Ave.
The Ukrainian Cultural Center is on the right.

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**May 10 - 12**
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**Auction Friday at 6 PM**
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**Early admission** badge good for all 3 days is **$25.**

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Tom Hyland
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Sussex, NJ 07461

Phone: 973-875-7926
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Free Admission for Members!

**NJ Token & Medal Show**

Books and Supplies

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Buy, Sell, and Trade Coins , Currency, Tokens, & Medals

C4, EAC, & NJES Meetings Saturday

YN Program Sat. 10 AM

**Wanted:** Items related to the old Jersey City Stadium, (AKA) Roosevelt Stadium, and Roosevelt Stadium in North Bergen/Union City, NJ. George Dorsey, 168 E. Spring Valley Ave., Maywood, NJ 07107

**Wanted:** Bimetallic tokens from any state, NJ tokens, Lords Prayer medals, (13-19mm), Sofspra car wash tokens and Salada Tea baseball coins. (1962). Rocco DiGiacomo, 42 Sunset Dr., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-1915.

**Wanted:** Encased cents and other coins, engraved coins, pop-outs, scenic love tokens, hobo nickels, potty dollars, just about anything made from coins. Send for my offer or call me at 407-352-7807. Bob Slawsky, PO Box 864, Windermere, FL 34786.

**Dog License Tags:** If you do not read ***PAW PRINTS***, you do not know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request. Bill Bone, Editor, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

**Ocean County:** Collecting and Researching all Ocean County obsolete and broken banknotes and merchant scrip. Want anything from Toms River 1850 to 1960, also notes issued in Bricksburg 1840's, Manchester 1840's....BUY - SELL - TRADE. Bob Mitchell, 2775 S.E. Eagle Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984-8919.

**Wanted:** Tickets, Transfers, Photographs, and any other items related to streetcars or busses in Scranton, Pa. Charles Wrobleski, 206 Green Street, Clarks Green, PA 18411.

**Wanted:** Both BPOE and IBPOEW tokens and medals. Write first describing and pricing your items. J.M. Boswell, PO Box 428, Gambrills, MD 21054.

**Wanted:** Edison collector seeks Thomas Edison memorabilia, esp. medals, tokens, and souvenirs. Please write with full description and price. Also interested in first and second-hand accounts of Mr. Edison and his legend. George Skic E-Mail: mercerhill@peoplepc.com.

**Wanted:** Large 73mm Lucky Souvenir penny (Indian Head) with swastikas in the headband. E-mail gptokens @worldnet.att.net or write Gary Patterson, 10-4th St. Manchester, NJ 08759.

**Wanted:** New Jersey mining tokens and other exonumia related to mining activities in NJ, especially NJ Zinc Co. Please send a description of what you have. Frank Steimle, PO Box 465, Allenhurst, NJ 07711.

**For Sale:** Old copy of a 1932 Campbell Soup Tomato Contract, along with 3 different picker tickets, from the John Gallagher farm in Mt. Laurel. The farm fell to development in the 1970's. The contract measure approximately 10"x23" $10.00 folded, $12.50 rolled. Dennis P. Helmer, 112 Carlton Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108.

**All kinds of tokens for sale or trade,** send your want lists. Wanted; arcade, Minneapolis pinball token and "cuds" on modern U.S. coins. Joe Steger, 585 Diagonal Rd., Apt #106, Akron, Ohio 44320-3071.

**For Sale or Trade:** County of Atlantic Depression Scrip sets, nice issued canceled specimens. 13 different, all three types, 2 unlisted issue dates (1 set only) $95, 11 different, including the 2 unlisted issue dates (3 sets) $75 each. Individual notes, $6 each; dealer discounts on individual notes. David Gladfelter, 228 Winding Way, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

**For Sale:** Ocean County Coin Club, 33rd Anniversary Souvenir Card, depicting Toms River banknote, $2.00 postpaid. Also available is a wooden flat for the same event, $1.00 and SASE, Jim Majoros, 65-16th St., Toms Rivers, NJ 08753.

**Many Thanks** to all who sold or swapped WW-I service medals with me last year. Lou Smalls, Box 19262-J, Jacksonville, FL 32245.

**Wanted:** Bronze medal issued by the ocean County Girl Scout Council to commemorate the completion of their new headquarters in Toms River, NJ. Al Zaika, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099-0065.

**Free** updated amusement token listing via e-mail for DE, NC, NJ, NY, PA, SC, TN, VA, and WV or available burned onto a CD_ROM in Microsoft Word format for $5 postpaid. E-mail RDSchopp@aol.com or write to Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2510.

**PA Token Trading Meeting.** The next meeting of the Bucks County TAMS will be the first Saturday of each month, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5. The meetings will be for buying, selling, or trading of tokens or medals, as in the past. The meetings will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bensalem Library, 3700 Hulmeville Road, near Hulmeville, PA. NJES members are welcomed to meet with us. For directions e-mail RDSchopp@aol.com or write me at Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2510.

# NEWS FLASH!

The long awaited catalog of New Jersey Encased Cents, by Gary Patterson is now available for $20.00 postpaid. Please make checks payable to N.J.E.S. and send your order to Gary Patterson, 10-4th St., Manchester, NJ 08759.

## In Memoriam

Gary Patterson has learned, that Honorary Life Member No. 1, Damia Francis, died in 2001, but he was not able to uncover any details of her death. Damia publicized New Jersey exonumia with her New Jersey Token column in TAMs Bulletins, that began in 1969.She was a very gracious lady, dedicated to new Jersey exonumia and willing to share her knowledge. She sparked my interest in New Jersey tokens and also encouraged me to consider the formation of a New Jersey collectors group. So, with the input and cooperation of Gary Patterson, Rocco Di Giocomo, Jerry Zara, and others, NJES was founded. Damia is gone, but she will not be forgotten.

Al Zaika

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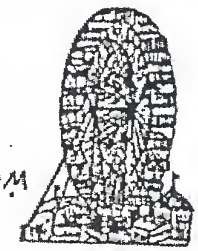

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